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LATEST TIDINGS FROM SPORTLAND

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SIGNING OF PEACE
AGREEMENT SHOWS
FEELS BIG LOSERS

Cincinnati, Dec. 22.—The last work of completing the peace agreement in baseball which puts an end to the war that has been going on for more than two years, was accomplished in parlor A of the Sinton hotel at 3 o'clock last night. At that time John K. Tener, Ban B. Johnson, August Hermann, Harry F. Sinclair and James Gilmore attached their signatures to a set of articles which officially effected peace.

No copies of the exact terms of the agreement were given out, but the terms of the settlement were set forth in a general way by Garry Hermann at the conclusion of the meeting. These reveal a complete victory for organized baseball.

The Federal League passed out of existence with the signing of the agreement and no one shed any tears. The Feds themselves were apparently glad enough to get out of their hopeless situation, though they paid heavily for peace. Immediately following the signing of the peace treaty, which was witnessed by a few newspaper men, the baseball men began leaving town. Christmas finds peace in baseball.

According to the settlement organized baseball got nearly every concession it sought. The blacklist has been lifted, which means that all players in the Federal League are eligible to play on clubs of organized ball. This includes even Hal Chase and other notorious contract jumpers whom Ban Johnson said never could play again.

The Federal League players remain the property of the clubs with which they finished the season and are to be sold or disposed of in any way that their owners see fit. Organized baseball agreed to surrender all prior rights to the players who jumped contracts. Also players whose contracts expired at the end of the 1915 season remain the property of the Federal League owners.

By the terms of peace only two major league clubs passed into the hands of new owners. Charles Weeghman purchased the Chicago Cubs for a price said to be \$425,000, which does not include the West Side grounds. The club will play at Weeghman's new park, Phil Ball and the St. Louis Browns, became the owners of the St. Louis Browns, the price for which was \$750,000, which, however, includes the Browns' baseball plant.

ROWDY PLAYING
OF BRAVES MADE
ATTENDANCE DROP

Days of rowdiness on the ball field are rapidly drawing their last breath. The adict of President James Gaffney of the Boston Braves, telling them he wants clean ball, shows how the magnates are viewing the matter, writes Malcolm MacLean in the Chicago Evening Post.

That was—and not so many years ago—that the New York Giants pulled some rough stuff on the field. Large crowds of fans were attracted to the West Side park, many attending just so they could see the visitors. The lot of the umpires in those days was fierce.

Last season the Braves came through with some rowdy stuff. The season before they had won the pennant with clean playing and before that had been among the noisiest of the mob. Then there was the big change.

In almost every series here some of the Braves were fired from the field for rough stuff. It became no unusual sight for several players to start a march to the clubhouse on orders of the ump. The public was disgusted with the exhibitions. Instead of being the most popular club on the circuit—as the Braves undoubtedly were in 1914—they became the least liked.

The effect was seen in the attendance. The paid admissions dropped off when the Boston came around. It was a case of the exaggerated big head. The Braves couldn't stand prosperity.

Jim Gaffney became disgusted. So did the Boston fans. Gaffney has written a letter to every player, "I shall not tolerate rowdy players kicking themselves out of the game," he penned. "Each and every player, without exception who is fined by an umpire must pay his own fine, and no player drawing a suspension can expect to receive salary during the suspension period. Nor will fines or salary reductions be remitted to the offending players at the end of the season."

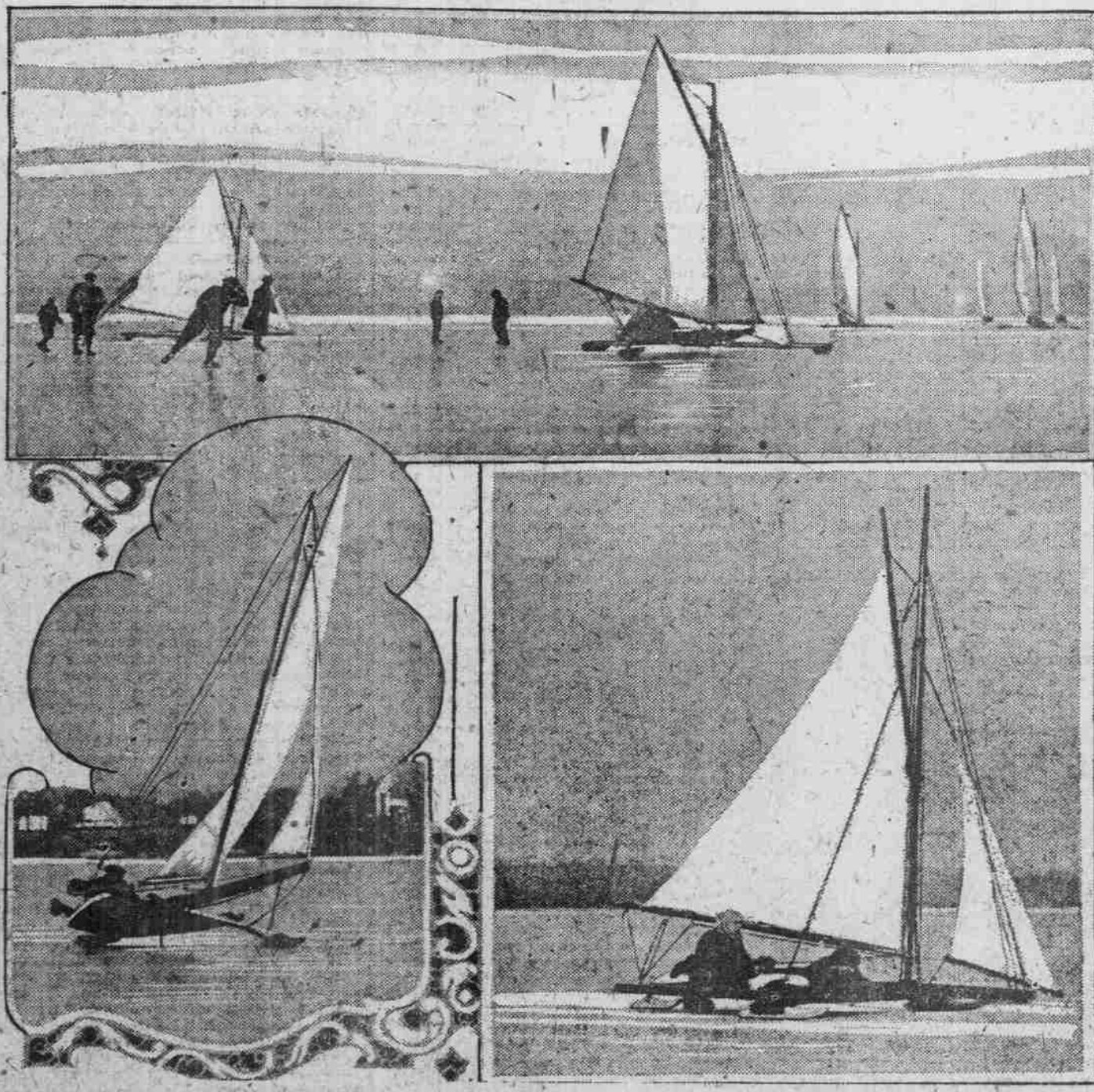
Gaffney strikes a keynote when he concludes as follows: "I shall insist that the Braves shall demean themselves as gentlemen upon the field."

MISS BJURSTEDT OF
TENNIS FAME IN MOVIES

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 23.—Miss Molla Bjurstedt, the national tennis champion, may become a moving picture actress and stay in southern California indefinitely. It is understood that a motion picture concern has made the famous Norwegian tennis player a lucrative offer, but that Miss Bjurstedt is afraid that she may not be a success on the film.

Miss Bjurstedt, however, is enraptured with southern California and would like to make this her home. Never has she seen such wonderful women tennis players in one place before. In Norway she can defeat all the men. So her love for tennis and keen competition may induce her to accept the movie offer. At least that is what the moving picture man is banking on.

Gen. Otto A. T. von Emmlich, the conqueror of Liege, died at Hanover, Germany, aged 67.

XMAS ROPEING AND WRESTLING
OF LAUREL
JOHN RECK & SON.ICE YACHTSMEN ON FAMOUS SHREWSBURY RIVER
COURSE READY TO ANNIHILATE OLD RECORDS

Red Bank, N. J., Dec. 22.—Ice yachtsmen here are now in their glory. This is due to the recent cold weather and the splendid condition of the ice on the North Shrewsbury river. Many big races are scheduled to be held this winter, and many new records are expected to be established. Recently the ice was tried out by Henry Applegate in his white winged flyer Vim, one of the fastest crafts of its kind in this section. Uncle Dan Assay, generally regarded as the pioneer ice yachtsman here, has been seen skimming along in his Gull several times of late. The North Shrewsbury (N. J.) Ice Yacht club will make an interesting experiment in a race between entire wood and entire-steel constructed boats. A third class ice boat designed after the fast craft of the Newburg club has also been built. She is cat rigged, and her performance against the jib and mainsail boats will be watched with interest by veteran yachtsmen. Upper photo shows a number of ice yachts ready to start. One in lower left is Captain Applegate's Vim. One in lower right Captain Assay's Gull.

SINCLAIR CLOSES
ARRANGEMENTS TO
PURCHASE GIANTS

Cincinnati, Dec. 23.—It was learned from an authentic source here yesterday that the New York Giants will be sold to Harry S. Sinclair, the millionaire oil man, for the highest price ever paid for a big league club before the year is out.

Harry N. Hempstead, the principal stockholder of the New York club, was seen in conference with Mr. Sinclair before the peace delegates went into session, and it was said here last night that the purchase price had practically been agreed upon. The deal goes through, Manager McGraw will be retained as the Giants' leader next season.

For some time now, Sinclair has been quietly negotiating for the purchase of the New York Nationals. About a month ago he met Mr. Hempstead in New York and made a proposition to the president of the Giants to take the team off his shoulders for the small sum of \$1,000,000. Mr. Hempstead at that time declined to accept the offer, stating to Mr. Sinclair that before any business of this nature could be transacted the other stockholders in the club would have to be consulted.

President Hempstead laid the matter before the other stockholders of the club and, so it was said here yesterday, all were willing to sell out to the oil man. But the price was raised from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000.

Sinclair declined to buy the Giants at this figure, but offered \$1,250,000 for the club and players. This held up the deal temporarily because Sinclair refused to raise his ante, while the New York club insisted upon the \$1,500,000.

Mr. Hempstead and Ashby Lloyd are the biggest stockholders of the Giants. The two controlled 68 shares of the New York club.

ANNIVERSARIES
OF RING BATTLES

1883—Aaron J. Brown (Dixie Kid), negro welterweight boxer, born at Fulton, Mo. Dixie became the welterweight champion of the world in 1904 by winning on a foul from another cullud gent, Joe Walcott, at San Francisco in 1904. The Missouri black boy fought the Barbados Deon again a little later, and got a draw. Many sporting authorities refused to admit Dixie's claim to the title after that, and awarded the honor to Honey Melody when the sweet "Un whipped Walcott in 1906, but all fair writers give Dixie Kid the title until 1908. Brown began fighting in 1899, and was never defeated until 1909, when Sam Langford knocked him out. Dixie crossed the pond in 1911 and since then has done all of his fighting in England and France. For a time he held his own against the best of the Europeans, but a number of defeats have since been scored against him. When he was right Dixie was a formidable performer, and the best of the white boys were afraid of him. In 1904 he fought and won against the 140-pound Frank Slavin and Jim Smith, fought 14-round draw at Bingen, Barrage, for championship of Great Britain. Slavin had the best of it, and got the purse.

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E East Side and West End
U UNION LABEL PANTS

BUD PALMER HOPEFUL OF
BEATING BOSSE IN BIG BOUT

Bud Palmer declares Freddie Bosse will have no claim to the state lightweight title after the bout at the Casino Christmas afternoon. Palmer, who mixes it up with Bosse in the 15-round star bout, thinks he will give Freddie a rare, old trimming. Palmer has a big following in East Bridgeport and his supporters have waged their bankrolls on him to win. Bosse has many rooters among the Acorn A. C. members.

Palmer has been doing his training at Battling Levinsky's camp in Stratford while Bosse has been working out at the Acorn gymnasium. Slim Brennan, manager of Bosse, made a bet last night at odds of three to two, that his boy would win. Billy Hogan, Palmer's manager, took the bet. The 10-round semi-final with Al Ketchel and Willie Condon as principals, looks promising. Ketchel has shown more willingness to mix things since his come-back and he will find a tough opponent in the hard hitting Condon.

WILLIE ANDREWS

In the preliminary Willie Andrews of the Acorn A. C. will tackle Jerome J. Hennessy, of Jersey City. Joe Shugrue's sparring partner. This is a six round affair. The first bout will be put on at 2:30 p. m.

M'FARLAND NOW IN
WELTERWEIGHT CLASS

New York, Dec. 23.—Packer McFarland is ready to fight again. He has eased himself into the welterweight situation created when Ted Lewis claimed the title and Willie Ritchie challenged the Briton. "I'm still a lightweight," writes Packer to Matchmaker Jimmy Johnson, of Madison Square Garden. "But I've been boxing big boys for years. When Lewis and Ritchie settle their little squabble in the Garden next Tuesday night Packer McFarland will have to be declared in. I will do 142 pounds ringside for the winner."

COWLER DEFEATS
FLYNN IN HOTLY
CONTESTED FIGHT

New York, Dec. 23.—Tom Cowler, the Australian aspirant for heavyweight championship honors, decisively outpointed and outfought Dan (Porky) Flynn of Boston in the feature round bout last night at the American Sporting club, 127th street and Second avenue. The contest was one of the poorest that Flynn has participated in, and, but for the continued aggressiveness of Cowler the bout would have deteriorated into an uninteresting affair.

The Boston heavyweight showed little inclination to box up to his standard at any time, his chief activity in the ring consisting of his attempts to cover his face with his hands so as to ward off the swings of the Australian.

Cowler was always aggressive and confused his adversary with a left-hand jab to the face, alternating with a right to the jaw. Although he landed often and hard with both hands on Flynn he was unable to floor the Boston heavyweight. Cowler weighed 205 pounds and Flynn 198.

Several times Cowler forced his opponent to the ropes, when he sent rights and lefts to his face and stomach; but Flynn took these blows gamely and would occasionally attempt to send over one himself. When he did his efforts were wild for the most part. The tenth round was a whirlwind affair, with Cowler driving his opponent around the ring with heavy rights and lefts; but he was unable to land cleanly or effectively.

LINOW IN DRAW
WITH BIG BERNER

New York, Dec. 23.—The most exciting and furiously contested bout of the wrestling tournament at the Manhattan Opera House was that between Joan Linow, the Cossack, and Wilhelm Berner of Germany last night. Whitehead was drawn with the men fought viciously every minute.

Berner removed his shoes because they slipped on the pad, and hit Linow a whack on the head with one of the alphas. Berner also uppercut Linow while holding the Cossack's head in chancery.

The Mysterious Masked Marvel, who has been the centre of all eyes for a fortnight, is matched to wrestle Ivan Linow, the "man-eating" Cossack. Linow was scheduled to meet the unknown on the occasion of his second appearance, but refused on account of an injury he had sustained.

BROWN TEAM ON
WAY TO PASADENA

Providence, R. I., Dec. 23.—The Brown University football squad of 21 players started for the Pacific coast, to open the 1916 football season with a game against the hitherto unbeaten eleven of the Washington State College at Pasadena, Cal., on New Year's Day. The trip will be the longest ever undertaken by a college eleven for a single contest, requiring 8,000 miles of travel to cross the continent.

It is expected that the players will reach Pasadena on Monday next, and that three or four days will be devoted to practice. The players will have two opportunities on the way to keep their muscles limber, as stops will be made at Chicago and Albuquerque, New Mexico. In Chicago either the athletic field or the gymnasium floor of Chicago University will be utilized. It is planned to have at least two hours of real practice, including a scrimmage at Albuquerque.

Washington State has been coached by William H. Dietz, known as "Lone Star," when he was a member of Glenn Warner's famous Carlisle Indian team. In preparation for the style of attack expected the Brown team has been lined up three times a week, since the last game on Thanksgiving Day, against a substitute eleven drilled in Indian plays.

According to figures received here, the Brown team from tackle to tackle will slightly outweigh that of Washington State. The coaches look to the Brown backfield to make up in speed it on the nose and over the fence it goes and we win.

REM-ARMS FIVE WIN
THEIR OPENING GAME

The Remington-Arms athletes have started the movement to form a basketball league in the plant. It is planned to have from six to eight teams and start the season early next month. A committee to draft a constitution and by-laws met Tuesday afternoon at the Arms plant.

One of the teams entered for the proposed tournament played the first Presbyterian club at the Presbyterian club hall, Tuesday night. Considering that the Remington team had never played together before last night, they made an exceedingly fine showing against the Presbyterian boys, defeating them by 43 to 19. Parto-Richardson was on hand to root for his team which he did with right good will, but to no avail.

Bartholomew and Davis showed the best form for the Presbyterians, Meyers and Anthony played a brilliant game for the Remington Arms. The Presbyterian club Rem-Arms

	Right Forward,	Rem-Arms
Murray	Left Forward,	Houlihan
Clark	Center,	Meyer
Bartholomew	Right Guard,	Anthony
Davis	Left Guard,	Wigglesworth
Norwall		Malone

Ocean freight rates on cotton from Galveston, Tex., for Havre were advanced to \$2.40 per 100 pounds. Before the war the rate was from 40 to 60 cents.

DOWNEY, M'CANN AND HARRY
CORNEN AFTER LOCAL CLUBSnappy Snapshots Of Interest To
Those Who Follow Sporting
Events

(By Wagner.)
That the Bridgeport baseball club will positively change hands before the next season rolls around was learned today from a reliable source.

Owner John H. Freeman wants to retire from the game, and there are three bidders for the club already. Tommy Downey, who has been playing with the Buffalo Federals, is anxious to get the club. Since the peace agreement was signed the Buffalo Federals have quit and Downey wants to place himself for the coming season.

Gene McCann, who gave Bridgeport high class teams in 1910 and 1911, is also a bidder. He will not return to New London, where he won a pennant in 1914. Harry Cornen of South Norwalk, who was mentioned as a bidder last winter, is trying to buy the local franchise, too. Of course no negotiations will be closed until the Eastern association formally announces that it will start the season but the work of re-organization has been progressing so well that it is certain the league will be ready. All baseball men look for a big boom in the game next season.

Jack Zeller, appointed a committee to arrange for the Eastern circuit, had a conference with President O'Rourke yesterday. He has just returned from Springfield and Hartford where he declared conditions are very favorable.

The Pennsylvania football schedule for next season shows only nine games, the smallest number in years. The big games are with Michigan, Dartmouth and Cornell in the order named.

By the terms of the peace agreement Branch Rickey, the St. Louis American manager, will probably be out of a job. Phil Ball, the Federal

BENNY KAUFF ADMITS HE IS
WORLD'S GREATEST PLAYERFormer Bridgeport Player Modestly Tells What He'll Do
With Giants.

New York, Dec. 23.—Benny Kauff, the Federal League "bullet" and relentless slugger, is the greatest ball player in the world. This information came first-hand, yesterday from Mr. Kauff himself. Benjamin, says he will play with the Giants next season and will set the Polo Grounds on fire. This Mr. Kauff admits. No player ever lived who could hit any better than Benny. He is likewise authority for this detail.

"I've never hit that old ball as hard as I could," Benny Kauff has the floor. "But next season when I play with the Giants I'm going to let myself out. If Larry Doyle hits .320, I'll hit .375—maybe I'll hit a million—you watch me, boys, watch me."

"I've got thirty-five new bats. Charley Carr made me some new ones and they're pippins. If I strike out, it will be because I don't take my bat off my shoulder. Nobody could ever hit any better than I can."

"What is the most difficult curve to hit, Mr. Kauff?" asked an unenlightened person in the group surrounding the ball player.

"They all look alike to me. I hit 'em all," replied Mr. Kauff. "You should be able to hit pretty well at the Polo Grounds next season, Mr. Kauff," ventured some one.

"Who, me? Say, boys, I've hit singles in the Federal League that went further than those stands at the Polo Grounds. Out in St. Louis last season, Lee Magee was on the bases and we needed a run to win. I says to Mac, 'You get ready to run.' Davenport was pitching and he shot one over so fast that you couldn't see the ball from the grand stand. I saw it though, boys. I hit the ball, just bunted it, and I just bunted the ball, just bunted it on the nose and over the fence it goes and we win."

"Base running? Did you ask me about base running. Say, if I don't steal forty bases up there next season, you can have my year's salary, boys. I'm not kidding you. I want to play with New York. I'd do anything for McGraw. He's treated me white."

"Just a moment Mr. Kauff. Who do you think is the best player in the game?"

Mr. Kauff didn't even hesitate at this hard one. He said: "You just watch me next season, and then you'll know."

"Who asked me about the 'bean ball'?" Let me tell you something. Earl Moore tried to knock my nose off with the 'bean ball' last season and do you know what I did? I just stepped back and tapped his 'bean ball' right over the fence, that's how much afraid I am of any pitcher 'beating' me."

Benny Kauff, Federal League "bullet," didn't even stop to take a breath. He went right on: "You asked me what my weaknesses was, didn't you? Well, I'll tell you. I ain't got any, what do you know about that?"

"They tell me," some one informed Benny, "that your throwing arm is getting a little weak; is that so?"

"Weak, is it?" answered Benny. "Do you know last season I used to throw 'em in so hot, Frank, I was that they knocked Magee over, and they told me to let up on the speed a little. The ball would go right through Magee, the pitcher and the catcher, and they'd credit me with an error. That's a weak arm, is it? I could stand at the plate at the Polo Grounds and throw the ball into those stands in left and right fields."

"They used to say that Ty Cobb had confidence in his own abilities which was the quintessence of self-esteem. But now Ty seems to be somewhat of a shrinking violet after all."

Two games planned in Holy Name League
It is expected that a big crowd will be present at St. John's hall, Jane and Pembroke streets, tonight when two games in the Holy Name Basketball league will be played. The St. Mary's will clash with the St. Charles' and the St. John's will meet the Sacred Hearts in the other contest. The line-ups:

ST. MARY'S. ST. CHARLES'.
Whalen L. F. Erstele
Malone L. F. Horkheimer
Snyder R. F. Ahearn, Christy
Lyddy, Casserly C. G. Ritter
E. Martin L. G. Hanbury
ST. JOHN'S. SACRED HEARTS.
Lucas L. F. Garrity
Lipstak L. F. Kenny
Gartland R. F. Lucy
Creedy C. G. Rainville
Robinson R. G. Doyle
Thirty women lawyers of Chicago have formed the Public Defenders' League for Girls.

Mayor Mitchell decided that places selling liquor on New Year's must close at 3 a. m.

Thomas L. Wilson, scientist and inventor of Ottawa, Ont., died in New York. He was 58 years old.